

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide the cross-reference to related patent applications reflecting the priority claim. Applicant respectfully notes that this amendment to the cross-reference to related applications is submitted within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 for claiming benefit of earlier filing date. Accordingly, no fee is believed due with this submission.

Conclusion

An indication of allowance of all claims is solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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